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Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-55. (canceled).

56. (new) A finishing composition that is dispersible in water, comprising:

(a) a urethane comprising the reaction product of:

(i) a polyisocyanate;

(ii) a long chain alcohol; and

(iii) a polyethylene oxide containing at least one hydroxy group,

wherein the urethane has a weighted average hydrophilic / lipophilic balance (HLB) ranging from about 1 to about 11; and

(b) a stainblocker.

57. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the polyisocyanate comprises a triisocyanate.

58. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the long chain alcohol contains about 12 to about 24 carbon atoms.

59. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the long chain alcohol is a stearyl alcohol.

60. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the polyethylene oxide comprises a monomethoxy polyethylene oxide containing one hydroxy group.

61. (new) The finishing composition of claim 60, wherein the monomethoxy polyethylene oxide has a molecular weight ranging from about 350 to about 2000.

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62. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the urethane comprises the reaction product of a triisocyanate, a monomethoxy polyethylene oxide containing one hydroxy group, and stearyl alcohol.
63. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the weighted average HLB value is in the range of about 2 to about 8.
64. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the polyethylene oxide ranges from about 5 to about 55 weight percent based on the weight of the urethane.
65. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, further comprising an anti-soiling agent.
66. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the polyethylene oxide comprises a polyethylene oxide group and a (C₁ - C₂₄) alkoxy group.
67. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein the stainblocker is selected from the group consisting of a sulfonated aromatic polymer, a polymer comprising the reaction product of one or more acrylic acid monomers, and a polymer comprising the reaction product of one or more ethylenically unsaturated monomers and maleic anhydride.
68. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, further comprising a divalent metal salt.
69. (new) The finishing composition of claim 68, wherein one or more of the acrylic acid monomers comprises an α -substituted or β -substituted acrylic acid.
70. (new) The finishing composition of claim 68, wherein one or more of the acrylic acid monomers comprise methacrylic acid.
71. (new) The finishing composition of claim 68, wherein one or more of the ethylenically unsaturated monomers comprises an alpha-olefin.

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72. (new) The finishing composition of claim 71, wherein the alpha-olefin comprises an alkene having from about 4 to about 12 carbon atoms.
73. (new) The finishing composition of claim 65, wherein the anti-soiling agent comprises a methacrylic ester polymer.
74. (new) The finishing composition of claim 65, wherein the anti-soiling agent comprises a colloidal alumina.
75. (new) The finishing composition of claim 65, wherein the anti-soiling agent comprises a colloidal silica.
76. (new) The finishing composition of claim 65, wherein the anti-soiling agent comprises a silsesquioxane.
77. (new) The finishing composition of claim 65, wherein the anti-soiling agent comprises a polyvinylpyrrolidone.
78. (new) The finishing composition of claim 65, wherein the anti-soiling agent comprises a water-soluble condensation polymer comprising the reaction product of formaldehyde and an amine.
79. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein said composition is free of fluorochemicals.
80. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein said polyisocyanate and long chain alcohol are reacted in equivalent amounts.

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81. (new) The finishing composition of claim 56, wherein said composition cures at or above ambient temperature.